

**BEFORE**  
**THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKET NO. 2004-4-G**

**JUNE 18, 2004**

IN RE: Annual review of the Purchased Gas Adjustments and the Gas Purchasing Policies of Piedmont Natural Gas Company

TO: Piedmont Natural Gas Company

On April 6, 1988 the Public Service Commission of South Carolina issued its Order No. 88-294 which requires the annual review of the Purchased Gas Adjustment and the Gas Purchasing Policies of Piedmont Natural Gas Company.

**IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED:**

- I. That all information requested below, unless otherwise specified, shall be limited to the Company's Natural Gas Operations.
- II. That all information shall be provided to the Manager of Utilities Department in the format as requested.
- III. That one copy of the Data Request be placed in the front of the responses.
- IV. That each question be reproduced and placed in front of each response provided.
- V. That if information requested is found in other places or other exhibits, do not make reference to those; instead, reproduce and place in the Data Request in the appropriate numerical sequence.
- VI. That any inquiries or communications relating to questions concerning clarification of the data requested below should be directed to the undersigned.
- VII. That the Company provides the Public Service Commission of South Carolina on or before July 1, 2004 ten (10) copies of the following:

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1. Provide the daily contracted for quantity of gas the Company has contracted for with its suppliers at November 2002 and 2003.
2. Identify any other sources of gas relied upon by the Company to meet its firm customer demand requirements.
3. Provide an analysis describing in detail how Piedmont Natural Gas Company develops its firm customer demand requirements.
  - a. Provide using the analysis requested above what the company's forecasted customer demand requirements for the 2003-2004 winter period were and the forecast for the 2004-2005 winter period.
4. Provide for the test period the firm peak day requirements experienced for each month.
5. Provide documentation to support that the price Piedmont Natural Gas Company pays for the gas it purchases from its suppliers, both Commodity and Demand are competitive with the market and prudent.

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